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**Subject:** I urge you do not go light on Microsoft: Consumers and innovation will suffer.

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I wanted to make you aware of the opinions from industry regarding the irreparable harm Microsoft has done to the computing world. They have been blatantly anticompetitive, destroying any competition they could using their OS monopoly and continually expanding into new areas by leveraging their OS: Web Viewing, Web servers, Music(Media Player). No one can compete in any area if Microsoft simply bundles their product with their Operating System for free at first, they stave out all competition then charge because they are the only viable player in the market.

They were blatantly apathetic at the charges leveled at them by the court, they were mocking and even faked an exhibit in order to show removing Internet Explorer from a Windows computer was harmful.(Even though any computer expert knows it isn't).[There were different icon layouts on the computers during the video, showing it had been cut and another computer used instead of the original.]

It is clear, without stiff penalties and controls on their future actions a company like this will not deviate from it's illegal ways. I urge you to consider a breakup of Microsoft into at least two companies: Operating System, and Office. This would at least stop some of the leveraging they are doing in those two areas which they control.

Respectfully,

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